(d) The details of profit making CPSEs (net profit) during 2005-06 and gross profit earned by all the CPSEs during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Years	CPSEs making Profit	CPSEs making Net Gross Profit	Gross Profit
2005-06	157	164	108041.96
2004-05	143	149	111425.24
2003-04	139	151	98717.63

(e) As per available information, 44 CPSEs were listed on the Stock Exchanges as on 31.3.2006. Out of these 36 were profit making.

Navratna and Miniratna status

2348. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give Navratna and Miniratna status to more PSEs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is necessary to have a certain number of Independent Directors on the Board to exercise the autonomy of Navratna and Miniratna status and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all such PSEs have the requisite number of Independent Directors on their Boards;

(e) if not, the reasons for granting status of Navratna or Miniratna; and

(f) how many of such Independent Directors have been retired Government servants or executives of PSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Initially Navratna status to selected Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) was granted in 1997. The Miniratna status is granted to CPSEs by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department after satisfying themselves that such CPSEs fulfilled the requirements in that regard.

(c) The induction of minimum four non-official Directors in the case of Navratna CPSEs and minimum three non-official Directors in the case of Miniratna CPSEs is one of the pre-conditions before the exercise of the enhanced delegation of authority.

(d) and (e) The CPSEs not having requisite number of non-official Directors on their Boards will not be able to exercise enhanced delegation of authority even after grant of Navratna/Miniratna status to them.

(f) During the years 2005 and 2006, recommendations in respect of 297 positions have been made by Search Committee/Public Enterprises Selection Board for appointment as non-official Directors on the Board of CPSEs. These recommendations include 85 former civil servants, 62 CPSE executives, 69 Academicians, 26 private sector executives, 14 Chartered Accountants, 41 other professionals.

Professionalization of PSUs management

2349. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the matter of professionalisation of top management of Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether this process will be proceeded to percolate down the line of the organization; and

(c) when there is a conflict between the DPE guidelines and the articles of the Company in the composition of Board, powers of the Board, which will prevail and what will be the implication?